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From the London Gazette, Dec. 9.

Amſterdam, Dec. 13.

BY Letters from France, of the 9th inſtant, we have an Account, that a Frigate called La Renommée, belonging to the Squadron under Duke d'Anville, was arrived at l'Orient; and that two French Ships were come into Rochefort from China, a third which ſailed from thence along with them having been loſt in the Voyage home, and only 50 Men ſaved. Beſides the 20 Battalions which were arrived in Provence, 23 Battalions more and 20 Squadrons were expected there ſoon, and 25 other Battalions were ſaid to be upon their March through Burgundy, in order to join Marſhal Belleiſle.

Hague, Dec. 13. By our laſt Advices from Aix, Marſhal Belleiſle, who arrived there upon the 27th paſt, ſet out from thence for Marſeilles upon the 28th, and propoſed to be at Toulon upon the 1ſt inſtant, N. S. in order to viſit the Fortifications upon the Coaſt. Great Preparations were making to ſtop the Progreſs of the Auſtrians upon their Paſſage of the Var. Letters from Liege of the 9th inſtant mention, that a Detachment of French Troops had taken Poſt at Dinant, and were fortifying the Head of the Bridge there. And it is written from Bruſſels the 12th, that the greateſt part of the French Militia had been incorporated into their different Regiments of regular Troops.

From Wye's Letter, London, Dec. 9.

Yeſterday the Commons agreed to the Report of the Reſolutions of Friday laſt, viz. That a Number of Land Forces, for Guards and Garriſons and other Services in Great Britain, including 1850 Invalids, amounting to 33030 effective Men, Commiſſion and Non-commiſſion Officers included, be employed for the Year enſuing. That 856,066 l. be granted for defraying the Charge thereof: That 372,778 l. be granted, for defraying the Charge of 15,196 Men for the Service of the War in Flanders, and 343,112 l. for maintaining the Forces in Minorca, Gibraltar, &c.——Deferred the going into a Committee on the Supply till Friday.

This Day the Commons ordered the Call of the Houſe the 22d of January next, and ſuch Members as do not then attend, to be taken into Cuſtody.——Ordered the Accounts relating to Weſtminſter Bridge to ly on the Table.

From the General Evening Poſt, Dec. 9.

Extract of a private Letter from Bruſſels, Dec. 13.

The Preparations which the French are making both here in this Neighbourhood, and at Namur, are amazing. The Number of large Cannon ordered to be in Readineſs at Namur, amount to upwards of 100 Pieces, beſides between 40 and 50 Mortars. 'Tis indeed a fine Train of Artillery, and will be attended, as 'tis given out here, by 60 Battalions and 40 Squadrons; but be that as it will, 'tis now certain they intend in ſome Meaſure to make a Winter Campaign of it, and as the Pontoons and other Warlike Preparations are quite ready, 'tis agreed on all Hands, they only wait M. Saxe's Arrival from Paris, to begin their Operations, but where the Blow will fall, no Mortal but themſelves can as yet tell.

From the London Evening Poſt, Dec. 9.

Ratisbon, Dec. 3. Upon the Elector of Bavaria's diſbanding a part of his Troops, the King of Pruſſia has ſent an Officer into his Dominions, in order to engage in his Service all the moſt able Men that are willing to continue in the Army: Whence it appears that this Monarch, notwithſtanding the Satisfaction lately given him, has no Thoughts of making any Reduction in his own Troops.

LONDON, *Dec. 9*

Yeſterday Morning about eight o'Clock two Troops of Life Guards, and one Troop of Horſe-Grenadiers, march'd though the City, for Little Tower-Hill, where they were joined by a Battalion of the Foot-Guards, to attend the Execution of Charles Ratcliffe, Eſq; great Part of whom lin'd the Way from the Tower Wharf Gate, near Iron Gate, and the reſt ſurrounded the Scaffold. About Ten o'Clock the Block with a Cuſhion, both covered with Black, were brought up, and fixed upon the Stage, and ſoon after Mr. Ratcliffe's Coffin, covered with black Velvet, with eight Handles, which with the Nails were gilt with Gold but there was no Plate, or any Inſcription upon it. At near Eleven Mr. Alderman Winterbottom, and Mr. Alderman Alſop, with their Deputies and Officers, came to ſee if the Scaffold was finiſhed, and every thing prepared for Mr. Ratcliffe's Reception, which being to their Satisfaction, they went with a Party of Grenadiers (Foot) to fetch the Priſoner, who ſoon after was brought in a Coach, and conveyed into a ſmall Booth that was built at the Foot of the Scaffold, lined with Mourning, where he ſpent about Half an Hour in Devotion, and then, preceded by the Sheriffs, the Divine that attended him, and ſome Gentlemen his Friends, he walk'd up the Stairs to the Block. When he came upon the Scaffold, he took Leave of his Friends with great Serenity and Calmneſs of Mind, and having ſpoken a few Words to the Executioner, gave him a Purſe with Ten Guineas, and put on a Damask Cap, knelt down to Prayers which laſted about ſeven Minutes, all the Spectators on the Scaffold joining with him. Prayers being over, he pull'd off his Cloaths, and fixed his Head to the Block, from

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whence he ſoon got up, and having ſpoke a few Words, he knelt down to it, and fixing his Head, in about two Minutes gave the Signal to the Executioner, who at three Blows ſtruck it off, which was received in a Scarlet Cloth held for that Purpoſe. He was dreſs'd in Scarlet, turn'd up with black Velvet, and trimmed with Gold, a Buff-coloured Waiſtcoat, and a white Feather in his Hat. He behaved with the greateſt Fortitude and Coolneſs of Temper, was no Way ſhocked at the Approach of Death, but kept an exact Medium between too much Temerity of Mind, and being too bold and reſolute in his Behaviour. His Body was immediately put into his Coffin, and carried back in a Hearſe to the Tower. And the Scaffold, Booth, and all the Boards belonging to them, were cleared away in the Afternoon.

It ſeems the Derwentwater Eſtate was only confiſcated to the Crown for the Life of Charles Ratcliffe, Eſq; but by a Clauſe in an Act of Parliament, paſs'd ſome few Years ſince, which ſays, that the Iſſue of any Perſon attainted of High-Treaſon, born and bred in any foreign Dominion, and a Roman Catholick, ſhall forfeit his Reverſion of ſuch Eſtate, and the Remainder ſhall for ever be fixed in the Crown. By which Clauſe the Son of that unfortunate Gentleman is abſolutely deprived of any Title or Intereſt in the affluent Fortune of that ancient Family, to the Amount of better than 200,000 l.

The above unfortunate Gentleman was Brother to the late James Earl of Derwentwater, who was beheaded on Tower-hill in the Year 1716, and was arraigned at the Exchequer Bar at Weſtminſter, May 8, 1716, for High-Treaſon, but pleaded Not Guilty, and on the 18th of the ſame Month he was brought to his Trial, and found Guilty; but on the 11th of December in the ſame Year he made his Eſcape out of Newgate. He has ever ſince reſided Abroad, and of late Years in France, where he married Lady Newburgh, Relict of Levingſton Lord Newburgh of the Kingdom of Scotland, by whom he has a Son, who was lately a Priſoner with him in the Tower of London.

On Thurſday an Order was read in the Third Troop of Life-Guards, acquainting them that they were to be disbanded the 24th Inſtant.

And the ſame Day the Right Hon. the Lord Tyrawley, their Colonel, ſet out for the Bath.

And we hear that the Fourth Troop of Life-Guards will likewiſe be disbanded this Month.

Yeſterday Morning died, at his Houſe in Queen-Square, Weſtminſter, after a lingering Illneſs, the Right Rev. Dr. Nicholas Clagget, Lord Biſhop of Exeter.

By the laſt Accounts from the Weſt-Indies there is Advice, that ſeveral Tranſports, having on board three Companies from Maryland and one from Virginia, under Convoy of the Fowey Man of War, arrived at New-York, for another Expedition againſt Canada.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, Dec. 9.

Hague, Dec. 5. A foreign Miniſtere here had ſome time ago received Letters from Vienna, importing, That upon the Emperor's receiving Diſpatches the Beginning of laſt Month from the Marquis de Stainville, his Envoy at Paris, his Imperial Majeſty, after having read them, went directly to the Empreſs, and could not help diſcovering his Surprize at their Contents, by ſaying, *I foreſaw the Stroke, and therefore prepared myſelf to receive it, we ſhall ſoon ſee what will be the Event.* Count d'Uhlefeldt was immediately ſent for, and remained above an Hour ſhut up with their Imperial Majeſties. In the Evening a private Conference was held at the Count's Houſe, to which Mr. Lonſinki, the Ruſſian Miniſter, was invited, who immediately afterwards diſpatched a Courier to Petersburgh, to inform his Court what was in Agitation. The Fact of which it ſeems the Emperor had received Intelligence by the Diſpatches from Mr. Stainville, is this: A certain Prince, who aims at holding the Balance of Power in Europe, had written a Letter to his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, wherein he expreſſes his great Surprize at the intended Expedition againſt Provence, and therein gives the moſt Chriſtian King the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances, that if the Empreſs Queen does not deſiſt from that Enterpriſe, he will employ all his Forces to render a Deſign of that Nature abortive, or will cauſe the Court of Vienna eternally repent of having attempted to put it in Execution.

As the Empreſs Queen has never laid any Streſs upon the Engagement which the Prince above-mentioned has entred into with her, her Imperial Majeſty has juſt given freſh Orders to redouble the Preparations of War in Bohemia and Moravia, to the End that ſhe may not be ſurpriſed by Meaſures contrary to the Treaty of Dreſden, from which it is very much to be feared that the Court of Poland will derogate after the Marriage of the Dauphin with the Princeſs Maria Joſepha of Saxony: But it is hoped, that by Meaſures taken ſubſequent to the Writing of the above Letter, the Prince who wrote it, may have been prevailed upon to alter his then ſeeming Deſign.

LONDON, *Dec. 9.*

Yeſterday arrived a Mail from the Weſt-Indies, brought by the Fawkener Packet, Capt. Lee, who came from Jamaica on the 23d of October; but as the Letters were not delivered, we can only inform our Readers of the Death of Thomas Davers, Eſq; Commander of his Majeſty's Fleet at Jamaica.

This Day about Two o'Clock the Letters brought by the Weſt India Packet, were delivered, by which we hear, that there was the Yellow Fever at Jamaica, which had carried off ſeveral People.

There is alſo an Account, that the Merchant-Ships under Convoy, were ſeen coming out of Jamaica the 24th of October, bound for England.

Letters from Barbadoes, of the 13th of September mention, that they had a very fine Seaſon; but juſt before the Letters came away, they had a Blaſt amongſt their Sugar Canes.

They write from St. Kitts, of the 15th of September, that Capt. Dennis, in a Rhode Iſland Privateer, had taken and ſent into that Iſland a French Privateer of 8 Carriage and 12 Swivel Guns. And that Capt. Woolford arrived there in a Privateer, on the above Date, with a Prize, who has on board 40,000 Dollars, two Cheſts of wrought Plate, and a large Quantity of Cocoa.

His Majeſty's Ship the Namure, Commodore Boſcawen, returned to Plymouth on the 5th Inſtant. She parted

from the Squadron under Admiral Anſon the Day before, about 50 Leagues to the Weſtward of the Lizzard; they had very bad Weather, and ſome of the Squadron had ſuffered in their Maſts and Rigging.

The Sums demanded by the Empreſs Queen of the States of Bohemia, for the Service of the Year 1747, are 2,000,000 of Florins for Ordinaries, and 700,000 for Extrordinaries, 600,000 for the Troops of her Majeſty quartered in the Empire, and 20,000 for the Fortifications. She alſo requires 1200 Horſes to remount the Cavalry, with a certain Number of Recruits, which are not yet ſpecified.

We hear that there will be ſome Alterations in the Treaſury, and that the Right Hon. the Marquis of Harrington will be appointed one of the Lords.

Capt. Campbell, of the Scots Grays, is arrived at his Lodgings in Delahay-Street, Weſtminſter, from Flanders, in order to take Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate of Sir James Campbell, Knt. his Father deceas'd, who was unfortunately killed at the Battle of Fontenoy.

Laſt Saturday died, at her Houſe in Albemarle Street, in the 81ſt Year of her Age, the Right Hon. the Lady Griſel Baillie Relict of George Baillie of Jerviſwood, Eſq; and eldeſt Siſter to the late Earl of Marchmont.

On Thurſday Night laſt the Orator was delivered into the Cuſtody of Mr. Overs the Meſſenger, by Order of the Right Hon. the Earl of Cheſterfield, in order to be examined by his Lordſhip.

We hear that Lord Morton has wrote, deſiring that the Government would not ſtop the Proceedings againſt any of the Perſons that ſhall be found guilty in the late Rebellion, on account of his being a Priſoner.

Thurſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes at Guildhall, viz. No. 34955, 21577, and 5984, 500 l. each; 31668, 48651, 23233, and 6009, 100 l. each.

Friday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 34424, 2000 l. 26133, 500 l. 30898, 9064, 18050, 28143, 37486, 48191, and 38750, 100 l. each.

Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes; viz. No. 26548, 500 l. 11858, 13308, 679, 20664, 33051, 12377, and 29291, of 100 l. each.

Yeſterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 29283 and 15467, 500 l. each; 49395, 38606, 37699, 23862, 16550, 37804 and 48596, 100 l. each.

No. 4280, drawn a Prize of 10000 l. this Morning, was ſold in Shares, in two Halves, at Mr. Hazard's Lottery-Office in Ludgate-Street.

We hear that a Bill is to be brought into Parliament to reſerve a Part of the Captures made by his Majeſty's Ships on the Enemies Merchant-Ships, in order to encourage and reward the taking of Men of War and Privateers.

A French Ship from Martinico for Bourdeaux, Capt. Breol, is taken by the Goſport Man of War and carried into Antigua.

The Neptune, Brooks, one of the laſt Fleet from Barbados, is taken by the St. Pedro Privateer and carried into St. Sebaſtian's.

The Happy Greve, Kelly, from London to Lisbon, is taken and carried into Oporto.

The Venus, Maxwell, from St. Kitt's for London, and the George Galley, Le Miſſruier, from Virginia for Falmouth and Guernſey, are both taken by a Bayonne Privateer.

The Bedford, Draper, from Barbados for London, is taken and carried into the Groyne.

The Robert, Orr, from Lisbon for Glaſgow, who was taken and retaken, is got ſafe into Dublin.

A Ship with 600 Hogſheads of Tobacco on board, Name unknown, is taken by the French and carried into St. Malo's.

Portſmouth, Dec. 6. Yeſterday in the Afternoon arrived at Spithead his Majeſty's Ship Pembroke, Admiral Townſhend, from Cape Breton, after a Paſſage of 28 Days, (the Squadron under his Command, viz. Kingſton, Hampſhire, Dover, Kinſale, Hind Sloop, Louisbourgh Fire-ſhip, and a Store-ſhip, ſeparated from him in a hard Gale of Wind, off the Banks of Newfoundland) ſhe has had violent Storms at Sea for this Fortnight paſt, and on Monday it blew ſuch a Storm they feared they muſt have been obliged to cut away her Maſts.

Bank Stock 126 3 8ths. India Stock no Price. South Sea Stock no Price.

EDINBURGH, *December* 15.

Friday laſt the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair came to Town from his Seat of Newliſton. And

On Saturday laſt the Right Hon. the Lord Preſident of the Seſſion arrived at Stonnyhill from London, and is expected in Town this Night.

The ſame Day ſeven Priſoners, moſtly Iriſhmen, who had been in the French Service, were carried from the Caſtle for Carliſle, under an Eſcort of a Party of Col. Lee's Regiment.

We have certain Advice from Aberdeen, that three Ships belonging to that Place have been lately taken by Privateers, viz. The Prince Charles of Fraſersburgh, bound from Holland to Aberdeen, off Scarborough, and ranſomed for 500 l. The Roſe, Captain Foe, from London to ditto, by a Bilander Privateer off Cocket Iſland, and carried to France; the Unity, Captain Thomſon, was in Company with the Roſe, and had 12 Shot fired at her, but eſcaped; as alſo, that a Sloop belonging to that Place, David Nicolſon Maſter, is taken by a Dogger Privateer off Bervie, and ranſomed for 700 l.

This Day, the 14th Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 1 o'clock, 6 M. Afternoon, at 1, 30 M. Tueſday, Forenoon, at 1, 54 M. Afternoon, at 2, 18 M. Wedneſday, Forenoon, at 2, 42 M. Afternoon, at 3, 6 M.

Full Moon To-morrow Night at 10.

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